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FOR NEA/ARN DRAPER AND AMBASSADOR PICKERING FROM CHARGE

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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN'S REMARKS DURING U S TOUR

REF: (A) AMMAN 1766, (B) STATE 079849, (C) STATE 080337

1. I BRIEFED CROWN PRINCE HASSAN APRIL 3 ON CONTENTS STATE REFTELS REGARDING KING HUSSEIN'S PUBLIC REMARKS AT BLAIR HOUSE AND CHICAGO. I ALSO LEFT USINFO COPY OF KING'S SPEECH AT TULANE. CROWN PRINCE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION.

2. HE SAID THAT GOJ IS TAKING CARE THAT MORE SENSITIVE REMARKS OF KING FOR JORDANIAN AUDIENCE (E.G., ON SYRIAN FORCES, HAWKS AND MOROCCAN ARMS TRANSFERS) ARE NOT REPLAYED LOCALLY IN ARAB PRESS. HE NOTED THAT, ACCORDING GOJ INFORMATION, ONLY ARAB PRESS TO REPLAY SUCH REMARKS APPEARED TO BE KUWAITI PAPERS AL RAI AL'AM AND AL SIYAASA.

3. COMMENT: MUCH OF THE INFORMATION I GAVE CROWN PRINCE REGARDING THE U.S. VISIT WAS NEWS TO HIM, ALTHOUGH JORDANIAN MEDIA, PARTICULARLY TV, ARE GIVING GOOD BUT SELECTIVE COVERAGE OF PUBLIC PORTION OF VISIT, INCLUDING COMPLETE REPLAY OF RIFAI'S INTERVIEW WITH MARTIN AGRONSKY. CROWN

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PRINCE THEREFORE HAS APPRECIATED OUR BRIEFINGS

WHICH CONSIST OF COMBINATION OF SELECTIVE
WIRELESS FILE, FBIS AND USINFO ITEMS, AS WELL
AS USEFUL INFO PASSED ON BY NEA/ARN AND
AMBASSADOR PICKERING SUCH AS IN REFTELS. WHILE IT
APPEARS THAT MAJOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURES BY KING ON
U.S. VISIT HAVE PROBABLY BEEN MADE AND CROWN PRINCE SEEMS
RELATIVELY SATISFIED WITH CURRENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE
TO HIM, IF FURTHER SIGNIFICANT ITEMS EMERGE DURING
REMAINDER OF KING'S VISIT WE AND UNDOUBTEDLY CROWN PRINCE
WOULD APPRECIATE BRIEF REPORT ON THEM.
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